

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Public Safety Committee** was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 in Room 200, Northern Building, 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Present: Tom De Wane, Dave Kaster, Tim Carpenter, Patrick Buckley
Excused: Andy Nicholson
Also Present: John Gossage, Karl Fleury, Don Hein, other interested parties

I. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair De Wane at 5:35 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to approve. Vote taken.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of March 7, 2012.

Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Review of Minutes:

- a. Fire Investigation Task Force Board of Directors (December 15, 2011).
- b. Local Emergency Planning Committee – LEPC (January 10, 2012).

Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to take Items 1a and 1b together. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Public Safety Communications

2. Director's Report.

Public Safety Communications Director Karl Fleury stated that National Telecommunicators Week is April 8 through 14 and an awards ceremony will be held at 4:00 p.m. on April 10 at the Museum. All Board members are invited to attend.

Fleury also stated that they have two new employees starting on April 9 and a welcome ceremony will be held at 9:00 a.m. that day to welcome them. There will also be two more employees starting on April 30 as well as an additional two on May 29. There are currently seven positions open as well as two supervisor positions.

With regard to the radio project, Fleury stated they continue working on installs at various locations and the project continues to progress in a timely manner. Supervisor Carpenter asked how many more towers needed to be secured and Fleury stated that they are currently in the process of permitting and approvals through the Town of Scott and also with Hobart. He has a meeting scheduled with the Town of Scott on April 19 and one with Hobart on April 11 and these are the last two sites needing approval.

Supervisor Buckley asked if any types of interviews or meetings were held with staff to attempt to find ways to retain employees. Fleury stated that he does an exit interview with each employee and further stated that in an exit interview he had earlier in the day the employee cited Chapter 4 as the specific reason for leaving. Fleury continued that he had met with all employees when he began his job and he has also now brought in a facilitator as well as doing some focus groups. Fleury has some meetings scheduled with the facilitator to go over information gathered and from there they will look at things they can do to help their department run as efficiently and smoothly as possible and retain employees. Buckley stated that he would like to see a copy of the report provided by the facilitator and Fleury stated that he did not know if this would be in the form of a written report or oral report, but Fleury will share with Buckley whatever information is forthcoming.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Sheriff:

3. Key Factor Reports and Jail Average Daily Population by Month and Type for the Calendar Year 2012.

Sheriff Gossage reported that the jail population remains constant at 83% and there are currently 86 people on the EMP program. This allowed overtime to be reduced from approximately \$149,000 last year to \$73,000 this year. Kilo pod remains closed and Gossage is confident that they will be under the budgeted overtime at the end of the year.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to receive and place on file. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Budget Adjustment (12-22): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.

This is a request to increase grant revenue for 2012 and also increase expenses to share in the Green Bay 2011 federal Port Security grant. This grant is administered by Green Bay and the budget includes a variety of supplies, equipment and outlay items for the Sheriff's Office. Outlay items are: mobile recon device, recon command monitoring station and communication search camera. Equipment includes tactical flotation ballistic vests, recon search stick, throw-bot LE kit, side scan sonar unit, underwater metal detector, image stabilizing binoculars, night vision devices and K9 transport units. Supplies include flotation jackets, bibs and vests, helmets, marine band radios, headsets, dock rope and K9 heat alarms.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Budget Adjustment (12-23): Increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue.

This is a request to increase grant revenue for 2012 and also increase expenses to share in the Green Bay 2009 Federal Port Security ARRA Stimulus grant. This grant is administered by Green Bay and includes a 50% sharing of equipment for the Brown County SWAT team. Specifically, the grant provides funding for 24 Hammer suits, 24 mics and tactical headsets and 15 air purifying respirator units.

Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Kaster to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Sheriff's Report.

Sheriff Gossage stated that they are currently working with the state system on video conferencing capabilities with the courts which would allow defendants to appear at motion hearings via video rather than in person, thus saving resources in transporting inmates to the courtroom. They also continue to work on jail overtime reduction efforts and he will continue to keep the Committee advised of their efforts.

Gossage continued that the Drug Task Force has made 161 arrests for the first quarter of 2012 and are on pace for 644 arrests for the year. Last year there were 529 arrests, so the problem is not going away, but the Task Force has done a tremendous job on keeping up.

The lawn cutting projects at the Jail and Sheriff's Office will be starting soon. Gossage stated that this program utilizes inmates using push mowers to alleviate costs for lawn care. This also helps the inmates acquire a trade and also gives them a reduction in sentence. Gossage also stated that they will be adding signage to the north side of the Sheriff's Office so that people can identify the building as they come off the highway.

Buckley asked what the status of the parking spots for the Drug Task Force was. Gossage stated that he believed planning trucks were still parked in the area but he will follow up with the County Executive on this.

**Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to receive and place on file.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Medical Examiner

7. 2012 Brown County Medical Examiner Activity Spreadsheet.

**Motion made by Supervisor Buckley, seconded by Supervisor Carpenter to receive and place on file.
Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Circuit Courts, Commissioners, Probate – No agenda items.

Clerk of Courts – No agenda items.

District Attorney – No agenda items.

Other

8. Audit of bills.

No action taken.

9. Such other matters as authorized by law.

Motion made by Supervisor Carpenter, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary